

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 2
FOURTH QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW

Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville,
 Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa,
 Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 2 during fourth quarter 2003 was 382,747, an increase of 1.8% from the third quarter 2003, and an increase of 1.2% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 13 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the third quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 10.8% was in education services.

Average quarterly employment data for fourth quarter 2003, third quarter 2003, fourth quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 24. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 2 with 46,821 employees, or 12.2% of total employment. East Baton Rouge was the leading parish with 246,058 employees, or 64.3% of total employment.

Total wages increased 3.7% from the same period in 2002, and increased by 10.6% from the third quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$632.70. Iberville parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$806.16.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 2 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 2" beginning on page 27.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Ascension	\$672.56
East Baton Rouge	659.03
East Feliciana	542.38
Iberville	806.16
Livingston	479.41
Pointe Coupee	491.74
St. Helena	447.11
Tangipahoa	493.05
Washington	491.56
WestBaton Rouge	636.97
West Feliciana	756.97

The number of reporting units in RLMA 2 for fourth quarter 2003 was 21,429.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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